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A Newsletter For Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 10 Employees

Design team wins statewide Gulick Award

An entry submitted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District 10's design team was chosen as the winner of an award for excellence in statewide competition.

The award, for projects costing less than \$1 million to build, was presented at the recent 2006 Partnering Conference in Louisville.

The award was presented for the KY 476 bridge spanning Lotts Creek in Perry County that was completed in 2004.

"A number of unique factors presented themselves during this project," said Linda Wagner-Justice, District 10 chief district engineer. "The proximity of a railroad bridge and the subsequent use of the old bridge's abutment since it was tied to the railroad bridge abutment was just one of the design challenges. Dealing with contaminated soil from a former gas station was another. Preserving a nearby residence and dealing with issues arising from the relocation of their septic system was yet another. In the end, all these obstacles were overcome and we were able to design a project that replaced a narrow, substandard bridge with a safe, modern structure."

The district dedicated the award to Pete Craft, in honor of one of the original members of the design team who lost his battle with cancer before the bridge was completed. "In the district office, we have unofficially called this bridge the 'Pete Craft Bridge' in his honor," Wagner-Justice said.

This project began in 1994 and involved no fewer than five in-house designers. Current members of District 10's design team are Corbett Caudill, Aric Skaggs, Barry Evans and Brent Weddington. The district's environmental coordinator is Jeff Allen and the preconstruction branch manager is Chuck Allen.

The award is named for William S. Gulick, a former Kentucky Transportation Cabinet engineer, and is presented annually.



Pictured are Aric Skaggs, Brent Weddington, Barry Evans, Jamie Duff and Corbett Caudill. Missing when the photo was taken were Chuck Allen, branch manager for Preconstruction, and Jeff Allen, environmental coordinator.

Magoffin event celebrates guardrail project

It's not often that a community or a school hosts a celebration event to thank KYTC for a highway project, but that's exactly what happened in Magoffin County on Oct. 20.

After funding for a guardrail installation project along Mine Fork Hill on KY 1081 was announced, the faculty, staff and students at Prater Borders Elementary School hosted a luncheon for personnel from District 10 who were instrumental in the project and members of the community. That luncheon was followed by a school assembly and Drive Smart presentation.

A forest fire which scorched the Mine Fork Hill area of eastern Magoffin County several months ago exposed a hazardous dropoff on KY 1081 near the school. This section of highway is traveled twice daily by school buses, and the guardrail installation will help provide a safer route to school for its students, parents and employees. The contract was awarded in December and the project will be finished by the middle of next year.

Students at Prater Borders Elementary took on the lobbying effort for guardrail on Mine Fork Hill as a school project guided by educator Elizabeth Tackett and principal Darrell Patrick. They wrote



Transportation Safety Commissioner Tim Hazlette, District 10 CDE Linda Wagner-Justice and Magoffin County Judge-Executive Bill May were on stage during the event.

letters to elected officials and KYTC personnel, requesting guardrail for KY 1081 and expressing their concerns for the safety of those traveling this section of roadway. The students' work was forwarded by Patrick to the proper officials, and he maintained a constant dialogue with the KYTC District 10 office to stay abreast of the project.

"The students saw firsthand what can result when a situation is handled in the proper manner and government officials respond in a positive and timely manner," Patrick said. "On behalf of the stu-



Steve Gunnell and Tony Bowling represented District 10 at the event.

students, parents, community members and staff at Prater Borders Elementary, I extend my thanks to Governor Fletcher, the Transportation Cabinet, State Rep. Ancel Smith and State Sen. Robert Stivers for



Talking during the luncheon were, from left, David Devers from the Office of Public Affairs, Brandon Muravchick and Billie Johnson from Drive Smart, Judge-Executive Bill May and Commissioner Tim Hazlette.

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their response. The Transportation Cabinet staff in the district office and in Frankfort was extremely cooperative and we are grateful to them.”

“We saw this as a real world learning opportunity for our students. They learned that they are a vital part of the community with voices that can be heard from our government and they can get a response from their government when they need assistance with a problem when it is presented in the proper manner. Hopefully, this guardrail will prevent a tragic accident,” Patrick added.

Commissioner Tim Hazlette from the Department of Transportation Safety spoke during the school assembly, as did County Judge-Executive Bill May and State Rep. Ancel Smith. Following their presentation, Billie Johnson and Brandon Muravchick gave a Drive Smart presentation and demonstrated the importance of wearing seat belts via the Drive Smart roll-over simulator.



The rollover simulator gave a graphic reminder of what can happen in an accident if you don't wear your seat belt.



Brandon Muravchick talked with the students at Prater-Borders prior to demonstrating the roll-over simulator.



The crowd was thoroughly entertained by some talented young ladies during the program.



District 10 welcomes Arch Sebastian, our new deputy executive director

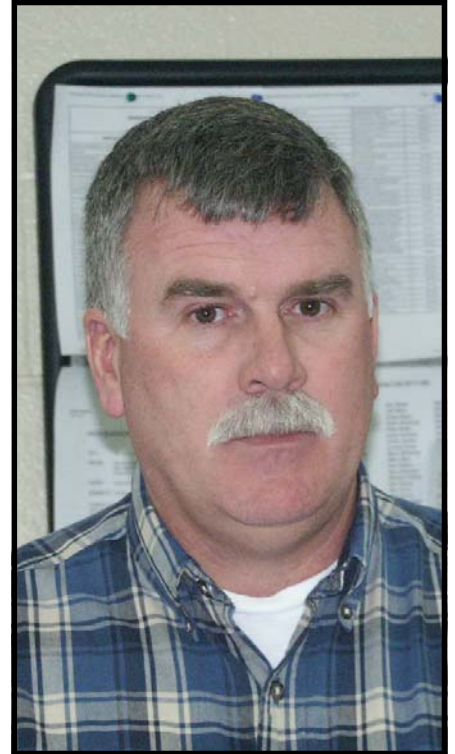
Arch Sebastian recently joined the District 10 family as the new deputy executive director.

The Breathitt County resident recently retired after 24 years with the Lexington-Fayette County Fire Department and came aboard as the new deputy director last fall. He will be responsible for fiscal and personnel matters at the district office and at the various maintenance garages and other facilities in our 10 counties.

Arch describes himself as “a problem solver” and urges employees who have problems doing their jobs to enlist his help to get those problems solved.

He is married to Breathitt High School chemistry teacher Rebecca Sebastian. They have two children — a son, Jordan, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky; and a daughter, Kelsey, a senior at Breathitt High who will probably be attending UK next year.

The Sebastian family lives in the Wolverine area of Breathitt County, where they maintain a farm. Welcome to District 10, Arch!



Mark Wireman retires, takes on new challenge

Mark Wireman, District 10's Traffic Branch manger, retired on Jan. 22 and was honored with a reception at the district office. The next day, Mark was announced as the lieutenant governor candidate running mate for Gatewood Galbraith. In this photo, Tony Bowling holds Mark's appreciation certificate and Craig Lindon helps him hold his cake.

We wish Mark a happy and healthy retirement! We know his first few months will be busy!

Employee Appreciation Day 2006

On Oct. 6, employees from all across the district gathered at the district office in Jackson for an afternoon of food and fellowship as the district celebrated Employee Appreciation Day.





More scenes from 2006 Employee Appreciation Day



During the Employee Appreciation Day event, various crews were honored for their participation in the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign for 2006. Bonnie Dunahoo, District 10 KECC chair, presented awards to the winning crews.



Ashley Edwards

Dunahoo's granddaughter in state champ band

Congratulations to Ashley Edwards, granddaughter of District 10 EEO Coordinator Bonnie Dunahoo. Ashley plays French horn in the Lafayette High School marching band, which won first place in Class 5A and the Governor's Cup for overall best band during state marching band competition in Bowling Green.

Ashley, the daughter of Charles Ed and Sandra Dunahoo, is a senior at Lafayette who plans to pursue her band interests either at Transylvania University or the University of Louisville.

Send your news items to be published in this newsletter to H.B. Elkins, District 10 PIO, at hb.elkins@ky.gov so we can tell everyone about your happy events!

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 19 — Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21 — Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 — Washington's Birthday
- March 4-10 — KY 15 Safety Blitz
- March 11 — Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- April 1 — Palm Sunday
- April 6 — Good Friday (half-day holiday)
- April 8 — Easter
- April 25 — Secretaries' Day
- May 5 — Cinco De Mayo
- May 13 — Mother's Day
- May 22 — Primary Election Day
- May 28 — Memorial Day



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